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Mission:

**To make Legislative
recommendations to help
the Texas Border Region
grow and prosper
economically.**



Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

May 25, 2011

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The Texas Border Coalition (TBC) represents over 2.5 million people living in dozens of border communities from Brownsville to El Paso. We're aware of the needs of our residents and the challenges they face in their neighborhoods. Many do not have access to the benefits of high speed Internet due to financial constraints or lack of build-out to their areas. At TBC, we hope to change this and improve the lives of millions of people who need more reliable wireless access to telemedicine, education and emergency responders.

The expansion of mobile broadband would provide a means for border residents to connect to the Internet, even without costly additional service. As the use of wireless devices grow, it's clear that minorities are more likely to access broadband on their phones than on a computer. By merging T-Mobile and AT&T's networks, the combined company would have enough resources to expand 4G LTE build out to more than 97 percent of the population, going deeper into rural towns and small cities like those along the Texas border.

As technology is expanded, more high-paying jobs will be created for Americans. By investing in wireless, our residents will gain both connectivity and economic opportunity.

Sincerely,

Blas Castaneda
Chair, Texas Border Coalition Workforce Committee.

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Commissioner Michael Copps
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Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
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